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Hongkong, September 26, 1892. 1435

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Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, November 5, 1892. 1860

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Middle Channel Buoy.—A six-foot conical buoy painted in red and black triangular cage, moored in 8 fathoms about 2 cables to the eastward of the rock, and about 1.5 miles to the south-eastward of Hainan Point. This buoy must be left on the port hand by vessels entering the Strait from the eastward.

Hainan Head Buoy.—A six-foot conical buoy surrounded by a black triangular cage, moored in 8 fathoms about 2 cables to the northward of the outer rock, and about 1.5 miles to the south-eastward of Hainan Point which is marked on the British Admiralty Chart No. 3761 "dive 4". This buoy must be left on the port hand by vessels entering the Strait from the eastward.

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The bearings given are magnetic and the depths are for low water of spring tides.

DIRECTIONS.

With the buoys in the positions above described the best track for vessels to follow when using the South Channel is to pass 3 cables to the eastward of the Middle Channel Buoy and then steer to the Hainan Head Buoy about the same distance, taking care to guard against being set to the westward, and remembering that it is safe to borrow the buoys to the rocks on the starboard hand by vessels entering the Strait from the eastward.

The bearings given are magnetic and the depths are for low water of spring tides.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Adjustment of Bonus for the Year 1891.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underwriters with a List of their Contracts for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for Compensation may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st DECEMBER next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong, October 31, 1892. 1907

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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By Order of the Directors,

J. B. COUGHTRIE,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1892. 1914

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
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Hongkong, November 22, 1892. 1085

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Tacoma, ... Thursday February 23.

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The following is a story of William IV, at that time Duke of Clarence:

'The Duke of Clarence could tell an amusing story now and then, in a way which showed how fully he relished the joke.'

'One day, at a dinner given by George IV, at "The Cottage," Windsor Park, in 1837, he related the much derided following personal anecdote:

'"Mine's a good 'un, too," was his rejoinder; and he added, "I'll wager you a pot 'o' beer, old man, you don't trot to Hampton Wick quicker nor me."

"I declaimed the match," continued the Duke, "and the butcher's boy, as he strolled his single spur into his pig's side, turned back and called out with a contemptuous sneer, "I knowed you was only a wulf!"'

SOLLOQUIES ALONE.

Here is an amusing story of another of the Royal brothers, the last Duke of Cambridge, who was much given to the habit of audibly expressing his thoughts. The author relates that when His Royal Highness, during the service, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, would not let out load, "Ay to be sure, why not?" as often as the clergyman pronounced the exhortation "Let us pray."

"At the opera, this eccentric habit betrayed itself in a still more marked and frequent way. I remember once hearing him all across the house, exclaim, as he moved his opera-glass round the circles,

"Why, I declare there are not half a dozen pretty girls in the house, not half a dozen not half a dozen."

JOHN ELWES, THE MISER.

Passing from Canto gossip, and coming to 'social, literary, and political celebrities,' our author starts with some anecdotes about the West-end celebrity, John Elwes, known as the miser. Old John had a thorough contempt for old age. One night he met with an accident. The doctor pronounced the case a bad one:

"Probably you are right," said the miser, "but Mr. Sawbones, I have one thing to say to you. I do not consider myself hurt; now, you think I am, so I will make this agreement. I will take one leg, and you shall have the other. You shall do what you please with your leg, and I will make him a fortune, and I will wager you the amount of your bill that my leg will be well first." Elwes delighted in telling this story, and used to assert with triumph that he beat the apothecary by a fortnight.

The miserliness of Elwes ran in the family blood. His mother, though she had £100,000 a year at the time of her death, died of starvation. Yet John Elwes, the miser, was capable of generosity. Though he would walk miles out of the way to save a tuppence toll, he would lend, 'unsolicited, £1,000 to a Captain Tempest, whom he knew very little, to enable him to purchase a vacancy in a majority. He needed as a means of livelihood, lest a wealthier man should obtain it over his head while he was trying to raise the money."

JOHN ELWES IN THE OLD DAYS.

The late Sir Walter Stirling, who died in 1838, at the age of eighty-seven, was one of the author's intimate friends:

"A curious personal anecdote that Sir Walter once told me is illustrative of the changes a few years bring into our social habits. He was sitting on the Derby day, 1828, in the window of White's Club where a number of members interested in the result of the race were anxiously awaiting the name of the 'winner.' The news, it seems, was forwarded by pigeon service—indeed, as at present, by yelling men and screaming boys—and at the last winged messenger was despatched. The excitement was immense, but it was soon intensified by the singular announcement of the bird, which, instead of alighting at the destined point, alighted on some unoccupied bench, to hover over the spot. At length one member, who had a large stake in jeopardy, could no longer brook the delay, and, fetching a loaded gun he aimed at the bird and shot it dead. 'Yes,' he concluded, 'I saw that myself, in St. James's street.'

THE ONLY FEMALE MASON.

Among the female celebrities mentioned in the book is the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth, daughter of the first Lord Dowerdale, 'the only female Mason.' The true history of her remarkable adventure is now told with an air of authority. The author heard it from Colonel Aldworth Stowell, her grandson:

'She is said to have said, the daughter of Lord Dowerdale, who seems to have enjoyed some privileges among Masons, and who was a "Master" and "Lodge" were held at his home. On the occasion of one of their meetings at Dowerdale Castle they were assembled in a room or hall, communicating with a smaller room, the door into which happened to be open: his young daughter being occupied, quite by chance, in the inner room, unwittingly overheard all that was going on. Too much alarmed to know how to act, she at first thought the meeting would shortly disperse, and that her accidental presence would never be known; and then again it occurred to her that she had far better escape, if it were possible, to get away unperceived. She accordingly stole out, and, by a narrow escape, got into the larger room, and, in the gloom, successfully passed the gathering, who were seated at the table in the middle of it, who were too much absorbed to notice her. She had reached the door and opened it when, to her dismay, she found herself suddenly confronted with an unexpected sentinel, called the "tyler," whose office it was to guard the approaches whenever a Lodge was held. This functionary, as in duty bound, brought his prisoner back into the middle of the hall, and presented the terrified girl to the assembly. A unanimous regret was frankly expressed for the fate the young maiden had incurred, but they agreed there was only one issue.'

'"Oh! no! gentlemen," said Lord Dowerdale, "I am not going to lose my only daughter; you must find some other way of it."

'"The way can only be one other way," replied the tyler, "but she is not a man; if she were, she might be sworn in a Freemason."

'"Then," said Lord Dowerdale, "she must be sworn in without being a man."

'The conclusion was accepted; the young lady was sworn in, then and there, and proved as loyal to her oath as the best man among them.'

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THE SUCCESS OF LABOR.

At the present time great changes are coming about in the social status of mankind. A man is not now—a day considered a god, because his father was a clever master or a good workman; becoming a recognized fact that all men are created equal, and have the right to enjoy life's blessings to an equal degree. To the past it has always been the aim of the rich to grind down the poor, and as the latter had but one alternative—starvation—they were compelled to be thankful for what they could get. But now education is opening men's eyes to the fact, and mankind's eyes to much that was hidden and comforted the imaginations of the world's wealthier classes, by the few.

The great industrial revolution is at hand, and a brighter and better future is in store for both socially and financially, and whilst paying attention to these great interests it is also essential to take particular care of physical education. An all-seeing eye has manifested the fact that the brain is immediately informed of any organic derangement; a simple headache is a sign that the liver is deranged, or that the nervous system is weakened, which, if neglected, continues to decline; the nervous tissues waste away and completely collapse, and a fatal termination is the result. The author of 'Practical S.A.' writes:—

"I awoke with a sudden fit, whilst dressing one morning last February, and fell on the iron bedstead, and my temple ached, which had previously, the full completely stunned me, and I was unconscious for hours. My family probed medical assistance, and I got somewhat better; but suffered tortures from nervous headaches and epileptic seizures.

"I concluded the match," continued the Duke, "and the butcher's boy, as he strolled his single spur into his pig's side, turned back and called out with a contemptuous sneer, "I knowed you was only a wulf!"'

"Pretty fair," I answered.

"Mine's a good 'un, too," was his rejoinder; and he added, "I'll wager you a pot 'o' beer, old man, you don't trot to Hampton Wick quicker nor me."

"I declaimed the match," continued the Duke, "and the butcher's boy, as he strolled his single spur into his pig's side, turned back and called out with a contemptuous sneer, "I knowed you was only a wulf!"'

SOLLOQUIES ALONE.

Here is an amusing story of another of the Royal brothers, the last Duke of Cambridge, who was much given to the habit of audibly expressing his thoughts. The author relates that when His Royal Highness, during the service, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, would not let out load, "Ay to be sure, why not?" as often as the clergyman pronounced the exhortation "Let us pray."

"At the opera, this eccentric habit betrayed itself in a still more marked and frequent way. I remember once hearing him all across the house, exclaim, as he moved his opera-glass round the circles,

"Why, I declare there are not half a dozen pretty girls in the house, not half a dozen not half a dozen."

JOHN ELWES, THE MISER.

Passing from Canto gossip, and coming to 'social, literary, and political celebrities,' our author starts with some anecdotes about the West-end celebrity, John Elwes, known as the miser.

Old John had a thorough contempt for old age. One night he met with an accident. The doctor pronounced the case a bad one:

"Probably you are right," said the miser, "but Mr. Sawbones, I have one thing to say to you. I do not consider myself hurt; now, you think I am, so I will make this agreement. I will take one leg, and you shall have the other. You shall do what you please with your leg, and I will make him a fortune, and I will wager you the amount of your bill that my leg will be well first."

Elwes delighted in telling this story, and used to assert with triumph that he beat the apothecary by a fortnight.

The miserliness of Elwes ran in the family blood. His mother, though she had £100,000 a year at the time of her death, died of starvation. Yet John Elwes, the miser, was capable of generosity. Though he would walk miles out of the way to save a tuppence toll, he would lend, 'unsolicited, £1,000 to a Captain Tempest, whom he knew very little, to enable him to purchase a vacancy in a majority. He needed as a means of livelihood, lest a wealthier man should obtain it over his head while he was trying to raise the money."

JOHN ELWES IN THE OLD DAYS.

The late Sir Walter Stirling, who died in 1838, at the age of eighty-seven, was one of the author's intimate friends:

"A curious personal anecdote that Sir Walter once told me is illustrative of the changes a few years bring into our social habits. He was sitting on the Derby day, 1828, in the window of White's Club where a number of members interested in the result of the race were anxiously awaiting the name of the 'winner.' The news, it seems, was forwarded by pigeon service—indeed, as at present, by yelling men and screaming boys—and at the last winged messenger was despatched. The excitement was immense, but it was soon intensified by the singular announcement of the bird, which, instead of alighting at the destined point, alighted on some unoccupied bench, to hover over the spot. At length one member, who had a large stake in jeopardy, could no longer brook the delay, and, fetching a loaded gun he aimed at the bird and shot it dead. 'Yes,' he concluded, 'I saw that myself, in St. James's street.'

THE ONLY FEMALE MASON.

Among the female celebrities mentioned in the book is the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth, daughter of the first Lord Dowerdale, 'the only female Mason.' The true history of her remarkable adventure is now told with an air of authority. The author heard it from Colonel Aldworth Stowell, her grandson:

'She is said to have said, the daughter of Lord Dowerdale, who seems to have enjoyed some privileges among Masons, and who was a "Master" and "Lodge" were held at his home. On the occasion of one of their meetings at Dowerdale Castle they were assembled in a room or hall, communicating with a smaller room, the door into which happened to be open: his young daughter being occupied, quite by chance, in the inner room, unwittingly overheard all that was going on. Too much alarmed to know how to act, she at first thought the meeting would shortly disperse, and that her accidental presence would never be known; and then again it occurred to her that she had far better escape, if it were possible, to get away unperceived. She accordingly stole out, and, by a narrow escape, got into the larger room, and, in the gloom, successfully passed the gathering, who were seated at the table in the middle of it, who were too much absorbed to notice her. She had reached the door and opened it when, to her dismay, she found herself suddenly confronted with an unexpected sentinel, called the "tyler," whose office it was to guard the approaches whenever a Lodge was held. This functionary, as in duty bound, brought his prisoner back into the middle of the hall, and presented the terrified girl to the assembly. A unanimous regret was frankly expressed for the fate the young maiden had incurred, but they agreed there was only one issue.'

'"Oh! no! gentlemen," said Lord Dowerdale, "I am not going to lose my only daughter; you must find some other way of it."

'The way can only be one other way," replied the tyler, "but she is not a man; if she were, she might be sworn in a Freemason."

'"Then," said Lord Dowerdale, "she must be sworn in without being a man."

'The conclusion was accepted; the young lady was sworn in, then and there, and proved as loyal to her oath as the best man among them.'

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